

Remarks

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 31, 1999, Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims referred to as Group IV, *i.e.*, claims 18-28 and 31-35. Applicants have amended claim 18 to re-write the claim in independent form and have amended claim 31 so that it depends from claim 18, rather than claim 19.

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Respectfully submitted,



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